

KIDNAPPER KEAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN STATE PRISON

Man Who Took Little Freddie Muth Railroaded to Punishment.

(Special to The Evening World.) PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—The Grand Jury returned to-day an indictment against John Joseph Kean, the kidnapper of little Freddie Muth, and he was placed on trial immediately and found guilty. Judge Sulzberger sentenced Kean to twenty years' imprisonment on an hour after he was first arraigned.

From the time of Kean's arrest until he was on his way to the penitentiary to begin his sentence less than twenty-four hours had elapsed.

After a police court examination lasting less than fifteen minutes Kean, former New York bank employee and confessed kidnapper, was held for the Grand Jury without bail. The case was hustled before the Grand Jury, and ten minutes later Kean had been indicted. The work of impelling a trial jury was immediately begun and Kean will soon be in prison.

People Were Excited. Seldom have such scenes been seen as those which characterized the proceedings to-day. Every corridor of the immense City Hall was packed with people, and it was with great difficulty Mr. Muth and Freddie crowded themselves into the courtroom. The boy had been followed by a crowd of men, women and children from his home at No. 153 Columbia avenue, and when the City Hall was reached it required more than a dozen policemen to make a path for the couple.

The courtroom was jammed to suffocation and Kean was apparently nervous when he was surrounded. He plucked convulsively at his little mustache and occasionally rose from his seat to hear what the witnesses had to say against him.

A lawyer was provided by Magistrate Treat, but he had no questions to ask, seeming satisfied to assign the kidnapper to his fate. Freddie, a bright boy and tall for his age, repeated from the witness stand the story he related to Chief Donahy last night, but he added that Kean had treated him well and never once threatened his life. James Stager, the baker who furnished the clue which led to Kean's capture, told of the man's suspicious actions on the night of the kidnapping. The boy's father could say nothing, and after Detective Bale and Clear had testified, the Magistrate said to Kean:

Magistrate Was Angry. "Had I the disposition of this case I would summon a large number of mothers here and turn you over to their tender mercies, but as the law fixes the penalty for crimes like yours I can do nothing but commit you without bail for the action of the Grand Jury on the charge of kidnapping."

It will be recalled that when the Cookies threatened to have Kean arrested for the embezzlement of rents collected by him he said that he would go to New York and raise the money. He went to New York and then to Philadelphia, but did not raise the money in either place. Finally he wrote a letter from New York to Benjamin Cooke, stating that he would return to Philadelphia and raise the money, certainly by Wednesday or Thursday.

The Wednesday and Thursday meant were the days just following the Tuesday when he stole the Muth boy. He was evidently counting on money to be paid by Muth to fulfill the promise made in the letter.

Here is a singular feature of the matter. Mrs. Kean, the wife of the kidnapper, has told the police that Kean came back from New York Monday morning at 2 o'clock. He was at home in the front room upstairs all day Monday, keeping in hiding. He explained to Mrs. Kean that he hid because he was afraid the Cookies would arrest him.

And the letter which came from New York to Cooke was postmarked Monday at 11 A. M. at the general Post-Office in New York. In other words, Kean had been out of New York City twenty-four hours when the letter to Cooke was put in the Post-Office.

It is believed by the police that the person who mailed this letter in New York for Kean was a confederate in the kidnapping, perhaps, the real plotter of the crime. It is this person that the detectives are now working so hard to find.

Fled After Theft. The boy's disappearance caused the greatest furor known in Philadelphia since the kidnapping of Charlie Ross more than thirty-four years ago, and when Kean was brought into court to-day it was with great difficulty the police got him through the enormous crowds which surrounded the City Hall.

His arrest recalled incidentally a mysterious robbery in New York twelve years ago, and although he has lived here ever since, never an aspersions had been cast against his character. When the news of his arrest had been



RAILROAD TIME FOR KIDNAPPER.

Freddie Muth Kidnapped. June 12
Kidnapper arrested. June 18, 1:00 A. M.
Arraigned police court. June 19, 10:00 A. M.
Held for Grand Jury. June 19, 10:15 A. M.
Indicted by Grand Jury. June 19, 10:25 A. M.
Trial begun. June 19, 10:35 A. M.
Convicted. June 19, 10:55 A. M.
Sentenced to twenty years. June 19, 11:00 A. M.
Taken to Moyamensing prison. June 1, 1:00 P. M.

wired to New York. Inspector McLaughlin called Chief of Detectives Donahy on the telephone and asked if Kean had ever committed a crime in New York. Questioned for details the Manhattan official said a man answering the kidnapper's description, while a clerk in the Harlem Bank in 1914, had stolen \$20,000 and ekipped.

Kean was not averse to seeing a reporter for The Evening World in his cell. He had said previously in a confession he kidnapped the boy in the hope of getting \$2,000 ransom. He was employed as a collector for Charles J. Cooke, of No. 1507 South Thirtieth

street, a real estate dealer, and, being \$37 behind in his accounts, knew of no better way to get even. He would not say what he had done with the money he had stolen, but admitted his wife shared in part of it.

He Has Three Children. "They simply wouldn't give me a chance to pay them back," he cried, "and I had to do something. I knew it was an awful thing to steal a child, for I have three of my own, and I think more of them than I do of my own life."

Kean brightened up long enough to say that if he had not become afraid after the notoriety the newspapers had

given the kidnapping he never would have been caught. "Why," he went on, "it was I who dictated in the letters I wrote to Muth just what policy should be adopted. I told him to let the sensation die out and I would send the boy to a relative in New Brunswick. The police

followed my advice, and it was through this I was arrested." The capture of Kean was brought about by a tip from a restaurant keeper at Sixty-first street and Haverford avenue in whose place the kidnapper and his victim stopped for supper last

Tuesday night. The description he gave tallied with that of Kean, whose employer, Thomas J. Cooke, had told the police of Kean's disappearance and embezzlement.

The vacant houses which Kean handled were thereafter constantly watched. Officers Clear and Bailey, while walking along Sixty-second street above Callowhill street in front of a building operation for which Kean was acting as agent, at 2 P. M. yesterday saw a man behind one of the windows of the house No. 42 North Sixty-second street.

Clear and Bailey pressed forward and, with their drawn weapons, called upon the abductor to surrender. Instead of submitting quietly Kean attempted to escape. He grabbed the boy and darted for the narrow stairway and had him upon the roof with the evident intention of throwing him off when Bailey made a grab for him. He dropped the boy and ran down to the street, with Clear pumping lead at him. He was too weak to run far, and the officer pounced upon him with such savagery that the breath was nearly knocked out of his body. He was paralyzed with fright when dragged to his feet, and begged that he should be protected against the crowd that had collected around the house.

WOMAN CAUGHT AND HELD PICKPOCKET

While Holding Him She Pointed Out His Companion to the Police.

When Magistrate Steinert to-day held Louis Roszell and Samuel Helsenrik in \$1,000 bail each in Harlem Court, he complimented Mrs. Vincenzo Chiorella for bravely capturing and holding one of the pair charged with highway robbery.

Mrs. Chiorella is the wife of a wealthy Harlem contractor, of No. 500 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street. This noon she was stopped at the corner of Second avenue and One Hundred and Sixteenth street by a funeral cortege passing. A small crowd had gathered on the curb to watch it pass and two young rascals jostled her. One picked her pocket of her purse and handed it to the other, who ran. She seized the fellow who had taken the pocketbook. This was Roszell. While she was struggling unassisted, Police Officer Guigo, of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, arrived. Mrs. Chiorella held Roszell, while the cop looked around. Helsenrik after disappearing had returned back. Mrs. Chiorella pointed him out and the policeman took both men to court. They gave fictitious addresses. The pocketbook was found on Helsenrik.

OUR SHEEP FARM PROSPERS.

Lots of Municipal Ownership Animals and Wool for Market.

The Department of Parks announced to-day that it will sell by public auction the sheep fold, Sixty-sixth street and Central Park West, on June 23 next, at 11 o'clock in the morning a three-year-old Dorset ram, twenty Dorset ewes, twenty-nine Dorset ram lambs, three pairs of American elks, one donkey and about 1,200 pounds of sheep wool recently sheared from the sheep in the Park.

POOLE GIVEN LIFE TERM TELLS NEW MURDER TALE

Declares O'Hara Was Slain in Own Home and Crime Hidden.

MINEOLA, L. I., June 19.—Grove Cleveland Poole, the convicted murderer of James O'Hara at Port Washington, was today sentenced to life imprisonment in Sing Sing Prison by Judge Barr in the Supreme Court here. He was asked if he had anything to say when his sentence had been pronounced, and he remarked:

"Well, no, except to say that I am innocent of the crime, but I will take my medicine like a man." Mrs. Emma Durson, a cousin of the prisoner, who was in court, faintly when she heard the sentence and had to be carried from the courtroom. Poole's father, mother, two sisters, Mattie Poole and Mrs. Cowans, were also present.

Lawyer Scudder, who appeared for the prisoner, asked Judge Barr to grant a new trial, but this was denied, and then he made a motion for a stay of sentence until more evidence could be produced showing the innocence of the prisoner. This was also refused.

Poole appeared unmoved when he was led away to his cell. He then sent for County Detective Hulse and to him related another tale of the murder.

According to Hulse, Poole's story was that on the night of the murder O'Hara came home drunk and that Poole put him to bed upstairs and then went downstairs and lay down on the lounge.

Not long after, he said, Gertrude O'Hara and Frank Brown, an Italian, who boarded at the house, went upstairs together. Shortly there was a shot fired and Poole says it was then that O'Hara was killed. The body was carried to the woods later on and all the clothing and bedding burned to cover up the murder.

He added that O'Hara disliked Brown because he thought he was paying too much attention to his wife.

The authorities do not take any stock in Poole's latest story.

It is said here that at the time O'Hara was killed Brown was not a boarder in the house, but had left about a week before and come back to Italy.

Gertrude O'Hara, whose testimony had much to do with convicting Poole, was not in court when sentence was pronounced.

PEIRCE NAMED AS MINISTER TO NORWAY. WASHINGTON, June 19.—The President to-day sent to the Senate nominations of Herbert H. D. Peirce, now Third Assistant Secretary of State, to be Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Norway, and Huntington Wilson, of Illinois, to succeed Mr. Peirce as Third Assistant Secretary of State.

GATES IS ACQUITTED OF SPEEDING AUTO

Guilty, but Don't Do It Again, Was the Gist of the Opinion.

"You are guilty but don't do it again." This was the gist of the opinion handed down to-day in the Court of Special Sessions when Charles G. Gates was acquitted of the charge of having sped his automobile up Jerome avenue at the rate of more than twenty-five miles an hour.

A young broker was arrested on March 9, and when arraigned in a Magistrate's court declared he would not tolerate such an imposition and demanded a trial.

Motorcycle Policeman Vanderpool declared Gates was chasing his big demon at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. When the latter took the stand to-day he swore the vehicle was going at from ten to fourteen miles.

"Why," he went on, "a trolley car was ahead of us all the time." The policeman said he did not have a speedometer on Gates, but his judgment was excellent, and that he was traveling at a furious rate.

"Isn't it a fact you never let any one get ahead of you on the road?" Assistant District Attorney Krotel inquired of the broker.

"Yes," was the answer in a drawl, and then, "why a lot of them skin me." Arthur Singer, a guest with the accused, said the car was going at a slow rate of speed.

The learned Justices said the policeman generally knew whereof he spoke, and after admonishing Mr. Gates to be careful in the future, acquitted him of the charge.

U. S. SURVEYORS RETURN.

Have Been Arranging Site for Conding Station at Panama. The steamer Sibiria, which arrived here to-day from Port Limon, had on board twenty United States surveyors and escort, who have been engaged in the survey of the harbor of Bocas del Toro, Panama, for a cooling station site. The party is made up of Lieut. Commander George W. Logan, Assistant Surgeon James S. Woodworth, Assistant Paymaster William W. Lamar and seventeen sailors.

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